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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7 and 12 to 15 are in the case.

The original claims stand rejected insofar as they were directed to a method or apparatus for determining a chemical parameter of wood pulp. Claims directed to a method or apparatus for determining a physical parameter were indicated as being allowable.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to delete the reference to a chemical parameter and to confine the claims to a method and apparatus respectively for determining a physical parameter. This is believed to overcome the objections to the claims based on the prior art and is consistent with the indication of allowability of claims 2 to 7 and 13 to 15.

Dependent claims 8 to 11 and 16 concerned with a chemical parameter and which were rejected have been cancelled.

The remaining claims were indicated as being allowable, but in some cases, minor amendments have been made.

Thus, claim 2 has been amended to delete the redundant reference to determining a physical parameter (redundant in view of the amendment made in claim 1).

Claim 13 has been amended to correct an error in the third line which should refer to means iii) rather than ii). This is for consistency with claim 12 to which claim 13 refers.

Summary

In summary, the amendments made are to effectively cancel particular claims which were rejected or amend claims to confine them to subject matter indicated as allowable.

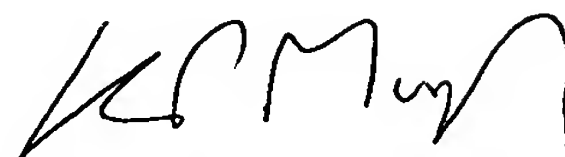
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The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and early and favourable action would be appreciated.

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